

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for image-formation comprising:

an image input apparatus configured to create an original monochromatic image for output,
the original monochromatic image formed from characters and images;

an image-storage apparatus configured to store the original monochromatic image created by
the image input apparatus;

an image-formation apparatus configured to form an original multicolor image for output by
selecting a plurality of desired original monochromatic images from among the original
monochromatic images stored in the image-storage apparatus and combining the plurality of desired
original monochromatic images; and

an image output apparatus configured to replace the original multicolor image formed by the
image-formation apparatus with predetermined colors, and to output the original multicolor image;

wherein at least one of the image input apparatus, the image output apparatus, and the image-
formation apparatus includes a display section displaying collectively as a group a plurality of image
information of each of the plurality of desired original monochromatic images selected by the image-
formation apparatus ~~as a group~~, and wherein the display section enables display of a plurality of
groups prior to combining said plurality of desired original monochromatic images.

2. - 3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the image-formation apparatus forms the original multicolor image for output by combining, in page units, the plurality of image information displayed at the display section.

5. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein

the image-formation apparatus is configured to designate colors at a time of output from the image output apparatus, for the plurality of image information displayed at the display section; and

the image-formation apparatus colors the plurality of image information displayed at the display section with the designated output colors of the image output apparatus, superposes the colored plurality of image information with output layout from the image output apparatus, and displays the colored and superposed plurality of image information at the display section.

6. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 4, wherein

the image-formation apparatus is configured to designate colors at a time of output from the image output apparatus, for the plurality of image information displayed at the display section; and

the image-formation apparatus colors the plurality of image information displayed at the display section with the designated output colors of the image output apparatus, superposes the colored plurality of image information with output layout, and displays the colored and superposed plurality of image information at the display section.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the image information is thumbnail images with lowered resolutions.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for image-formation comprising:

a first data input/output section configured to input an original monochromatic image for output from an external image input apparatus, the original monochromatic image formed from characters and images;

an image-storage section configured to store the original monochromatic image created by the external image input apparatus via the first data input/output section;

a control section configured to form an original multicolor image for output by selecting a plurality of desired original monochromatic images from among the original monochromatic images stored in the image-storage section and combining the plurality of desired original monochromatic images; and

a second data input/output section configured to output the original multicolor image formed by the control section to an external image output apparatus which replaces the original multicolor image with predetermined colors and outputs;

wherein the control section outputs collectively as a group a plurality of image information of the plurality of desired original monochromatic images selected by the control section ~~as a group~~ to a display section provided at the external image input apparatus itself or via at least one of the first data input/output section and the second data input/output section, wherein the control section

allows the display section to display a plurality of groups prior to combining said plurality of desired original monochromatic images.

9. – 10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the control section forms the original multicolor image for output by combining, in page units, the plurality of image information displayed at the display section.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein

the control section is configured to designate colors at a time of output from the external image output apparatus, for the plurality of image information displayed at the display section; and

the control section colors the plurality of image information displayed at the display section with the designated output colors from the external image output apparatus, superposes the colored plurality of image information with output layout from the external image output apparatus, and displays the colored and superposed plurality of image information at the display section.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein

the control section is configured to designate colors at a time of output from the external image output apparatus, for the plurality of image information displayed at the display section; and

the control section colors the plurality of image information displayed at the display section with the designated output colors of the external image output apparatus, superposes the colored

plurality of image information with output layout of the external image output apparatus, and displays the colored and superposed plurality of image information at the display section.

14. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the image information is thumbnail images with lowered resolutions.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium for recording a program for image-formation, the program comprising:

selecting a plurality of original monochromatic image files for output from a plurality of desired original monochromatic image files for output, the original monochromatic image files formed from characters and images, and spooled in a queue;

rasterizing a plurality of image data from each of the selected original monochromatic image files;

displaying collectively as a group the plurality of rasterized image data at a display apparatus ~~collectively as a group~~; and

forming an original multicolor image file for output, outputted from a multicolor image output apparatus by combining a plurality of groups, where were displayed prior to combining said plurality of groups at the display apparatus.

16. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 15, the program further comprising: forming the original multicolor image file by combining, in page units, the plurality of image data displayed at the display apparatus.

17. (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to claim 16, the program further comprising:

determining how to combine the plurality of image data of an original monochromatic image file, having a maximum number of pages, of the plurality of selected original monochromatic image files with the plurality of image data of each of other original monochromatic image files.

18. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 15, the program further comprising:

designating colors at a time of output from the image output apparatus, for the plurality of image information displayed at the display section; and

coloring the plurality of image data displayed at the display apparatus with the designated output colors of the image output apparatus, superposing the colored image data with output layout from the image output apparatus, and displaying the colored and superposed image data at the display apparatus.

19. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 16, the program further comprising:

designating colors at a time of output from the image output apparatus, for the plurality of image information displayed at the display section; and

coloring the plurality of image data displayed at the display apparatus with the designated output colors of the image output apparatus, superposing the colored image data with output layout from the image output apparatus, and displaying the colored and superposed image data at the display apparatus.

20. (Original) The recording medium according to claim 15, the program wherein the image data is thumbnail images with lowered resolutions.

21. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 4, wherein the image-formation apparatus enables a blank sheet to be inserted between the plurality of image information of each of the plurality of original monochromatic images.

22. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 4, wherein the image-formation apparatus enables at least one function to be selected, the function including copying a page, pasting a page, deleting a page, and rearranging pages.

23. (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to claim 16, the program wherein a blank sheet is enabled to be inserted between the plurality of image information of each of the plurality of original monochromatic images.

24. (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to claim 16, the program wherein at least one function is selectable, the function including copying a first page, pasting a page, deleting a page and rearranging pages.